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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 6, 2001, please amend the above identified patent application as follows:

In the claims:

7. (Amended) The composition of claim [1] 4 wherein the diamminebis(nitrito-N,N) platinum (II) is present in an amount ranging from about 0.01 to about 450 g/L.

8. (Amended) The composition of claim [1] 5 wherein the triamminetris(nitrito-N,N,N)rhodium(III) is present in an amount ranging from about 0.01 to about 320 g/L.

11. (Amended) A process for plating a substrate comprising:

A) providing a plating composition comprising an aqueous solution comprising:

- a) a water soluble, platinum nitrite salt or platinum ammine-nitrite salt;
- b) a water soluble rhodium nitrite salt or rhodium ammine-nitrite salt;
- c) ammonium hydroxide; and